

On motion by Mr. Millar,

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to Catharine McPherson of Charles county.

On motion by Mr. Duvall of Anne Arundel,

Ordered, That the committee on inspections be required to inquire into the expediency of having appointed a sworn weigher or weighers of wheat, in the city of Baltimore, and report to this house by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Burgess submitted the following preamble and order, which was twice read and adopted.

Whereas it appears that are several of the Record books now in the office of the Register of Wills, for Anne Arundel county, which from time and use have become much worn and defaced; and whereas those books contain Records of wills for most, if not all the counties of this state, Therefore,

Ordered, That the Speaker appoint a committee of five members of this house, from different counties to examine those books, and report to this house what books are in said office at this time, which in their opinion ought to be transcribed at the expense of the State.

In pursuance whereof, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Burgess, Forwood, Chandler, Wright of Queen Anne's, and Edelen, the committee.

Mr. Harris submitted the following preamble and resolution,

Whereas this house by a vote on yesterday rejected a proposition expressing unqualified disapprobation of the recommendation of the President of the United States to cede the public lands to the new states in which they are located; and it may possibly be inferred from this fact that this Legislature are favorable to the course recommended by the President, and averse to the provisions of the bill which has lately passed the Senate of the United States;— and whereas it is the duty of this house, promptly to guard against such an inference, and to present an unequivocal expression of its opinion on this subject—Therefore,

Whereas the national domain was acquired by the blood and treasure of the whole American people, and therefore of right ought to enure for their common benefit.

And whereas the time will shortly arrive when the national debt will be paid off, and those lands thus relieved from their only pledge, will be liable to be appropriated for other purposes; and whereas the annual proceeds of the sales of said lands are estimated in official reports made